



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Liquid
Isaac's Wells
Genesis 26:1-22, 26-31

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Trust God no matter what.

HOST SUPPLIES

- Small Group Leaders
- Helmets (could be football, bike, skate, etc.)—one per Small Group Leader
- Hula hoops—three per small group
- Masking or painter's tape
- Week 2 Timeline Image, printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

STORRY SUPPLIES

- Table
- Several different types of water bottles (at least seven)—including the Storyteller's personal water bottle with water inside

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("I Run to You" from *Make a Move* and "Over and Over" from *Everything to Me*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Well, Well, Well (K-1st grade), A-Maze (2nd-3rd grade)

Application Activity: Angry Tiger (K-1st grade), Trust Walk (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Hearts and Heads (K-1st grade), Balancing Act (2nd-3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:

AUDIO:

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hello, everyone! How's it going? Tell you what—if you're having a great day so far, give me two thumbs-up. (Pause for response.) That's so great! Me, too!

"We're here under the big top this month as we talk about trust!

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Trust is putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"Speaking of trust, I've got a game for us to play where your leaders will really need to trust all of YOU! Let me tell you about it.



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AUDIO: CIRCUS MUSIC

(Speak like a carnival barker.) "Okay leaders, step right up! That's right! Step right up! Let's have all of our Small Group Leaders up here on stage. Leaders, this game will require some trust from each and every one of you. Oh, and you might need these.

Bring up all Small Group Leaders. Give each leader a helmet (could be football, bike, skate, etc.). Have each leader stand on a tape "X."

"Here's how we play. Leaders, you'll need to sit on the floor, facing the audience. Keep your arms up in the air like this. *(Demonstrate holding both arms high and together, and coming to point at your fingertips.)* Yes, perfect!

(to audience) "Folks, you've heard of a three-ring circus. But this here is a [number of leaders]-ring circus! *(Use the number of leaders on stage.)* Each group will line up in front of your leader and take turns trying to toss a hula hoop over your leader's head! The goal is to land three rings on your leader. The first group with three rings, wins!

(Reference the tape line.) "Everyone, stand behind the line when you throw. After you throw, pick up the hoop and hand it to the next person in line. Oh—and be gentle with your leaders, okay? Use a nice, gentle toss in the air, like this. *(Demonstrate tossing a hoop over a leader.)* Be careful, because your leaders are trusting you not to hurt them!

"All right! You can all line up with your small groups in front of your leaders.

Give the kids some time to get in line in front of their leaders. Set down three hula hoops in front of the first kid in line for each group.

"On your mark, get set, go!

AUDIO: CIRCUS MUSIC

Comment on the action as the kids toss the hula hoops. Remind them to toss the hoops upward so they have a better chance and so they're gentle with their tosses. When they miss, they grab the hula hoop and give it to the next kid in line. If they get a hoop to land around the leader, they leave it there until there are three and the challenge is complete!

Congratulate the winning team. Collect the hula hoops from the kids and leaders as they head back to their seats.

"That was spectacular! Give yourselves a huge hand. Special thanks to our leaders who 'dared to trust' as you tossed those rings!



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hello, everyone! It's great to see you. I'm happy to be here to share a really cool story that happened with Isaac, the son of Abraham and Sarah.

"If you're not sure who I'm talking about, don't worry! I'll quickly catch you up.

If you have a timeline on the wall, use it here and reference the images.

(Hold up Bible.) "At the very beginning of the Bible, we read how God made an amazing world, but sin entered the world when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God.

"God had a good plan to make everything right again. God chose a man named Abraham. Even though Abraham was old, God promised him that he'd have more children in his family than there are stars in the sky . . . and the whole world would be blessed through Abraham's family.

"Just like God had promised, Abraham and his wife Sarah DID have a child: a boy named Isaac."

Move behind the table with the different water bottles.

"PHIL"-ING ISAAC'S WELLS

STORYTELLER: "Let's fast-forward in the story to when Isaac was a grown man. Isaac, his family, and his herdsmen all lived in the land of the Philistines.

"Isaac and his household needed water to drink.

Open your personal water bottle. (This should look like it's cueing the sound effect.) Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #1 (SOMEONE DRINKING WATER)

"They also needed water to grow crops, and their animals needed water, too.

"I'm sure you all know how important it is for our bodies to have water. We NEED to have water to live! *(Hold up your water bottle.)* I carry water around with me all the time so I can stay hydrated and healthy. *(Take a drink.)*

"But it wasn't so easy to get water back in Isaac's time. There were no cold, refreshing bottles you could just grab from a fridge. People back then couldn't just turn on a faucet and get what they needed.

Open a different water bottle to cue the sound effect. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #2 (WATER FROM A FAUCET)



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“They didn’t HAVE fridges or faucets at all!

“To get water for their families, their crops, and their animals, people had to dig a well in the ground.

Open a different water bottle to cue the sound effect. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #3 (DIGGING)

“They had to KEEP digging . . .

Open the same water bottle. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #3 (DIGGING)

“And KEEP digging . . .

Open the same water bottle. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #3 (DIGGING)

“Until they finally found water, deep underground!

Open a different water bottle to cue the sound effect. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #4 (WATER UNDERGROUND)

“It was very, very hard work to dig a well. But it was absolutely necessary for people and animals to survive.

“Isaac and his family lived by a well that provided water. This was a very good thing for his family. Isaac seemed to be living out the promises God had given his father, Abraham.

“But Isaac’s neighbors, the Philistines, were jealous of how well Isaac was doing. So they did something awful. They filled Isaac’s wells with dirt so he wouldn’t have water anymore.”

Open a different water bottle to cue the sound effect. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #5 (DIRT)

MOVE AWAY FROM US

STORYTELLER: “Oh, no! Poor Isaac!

“The king of the Philistines was named King Abimelek. King Abimelek said to Isaac . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 26:16 (NIV) and read.

“Move away from us. You have become too powerful for us.



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"Isaac had a choice to make. Would he fight back against the Philistines and try to keep his well so that he and his household would have water? Or was it more important for him to make peace?"

"Isaac didn't fight. He chose to leave. He trusted God to take care of him and his family.

Open a different water bottle to cue the sound effect. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #6 (PEOPLE WALKING)

"Isaac and his family moved away and camped in the Valley of Gerar. This was a place where Isaac's father, Abraham, had lived for a time, many years before. Isaac began to dig into Abraham's wells to open them up again.

Open the "digging" water bottle again. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #3 (DIGGING)

"Good news! They found fresh water.

Open the "water underground" water bottle again. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #4 (WATER UNDERGROUND)

"But guess what happened? The nearby Philistine herdsmen showed up to challenge Isaac's herdsmen. They wanted Isaac and his family to leave this place, too. Can you believe that? Again, Isaac trusted God. Again, he and his family moved on.

Open the "people walking" water bottle again. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #6 (PEOPLE WALKING)

"Isaac's servants dug another well.

Open the "digging" water bottle again. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #3 (DIGGING)

"And they found water again.

Open the "water underground" water bottle again. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #4 (WATER UNDERGROUND)

"But the Philistines argued with them about THAT well, too. Unbelievable!"

THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM

STORYTELLER: "For a THIRD time, Isaac moved camp. He trusted that God was with him.



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Open the “people walking” water bottle again. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #6 (PEOPLE WALKING)

“Isaac’s servants dug yet another well.

Open the “digging” water bottle again. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #3 (DIGGING)

“They found water again!

Open the “water underground” water bottle again. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #4 (WATER UNDERGROUND)

“And, thankfully, no one argued with them about the newest well. Finally, Isaac and his household had a safe source of water and no one who wanted to take it.

Open a different water bottle to cue the sound effect. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #7 (CHEERING)

“King Abimelek and some of his men then showed up to make it official. Listen to the conversation between these men and Isaac.

Open the Bible to Genesis 26:27-29 (NirV) and read.

“Isaac asked them, ‘Why have you come to me? You were angry with me and sent me away.’

“They answered, ‘We saw clearly that the Lord was with you. So we said, “There should be an agreement between us and you.” We want to make a peace treaty with you. Give us your word that you won’t harm us. We didn’t harm you. We always treated you well. We sent you away peacefully. And now the Lord has blessed you.’

“The Philistines finally realized that God was with Isaac. And they wanted to make peace with Isaac. Isaac prepared a feast for the Philistines, and they all celebrated together.

Open the “cheering” water bottle again. Then close it.

AUDIO: SOUND CUE #7 (CHEERING)

“Early the next morning, the men made an agreement to keep peace with each other. Then the Philistines went on their way.”

Walk in front of the table as you wrap up.



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WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "I'm sure it wasn't easy for Isaac to keep walking away when the Philistines kept taking his wells. That took a lot of trust in God. Isaac could have fought back . . . but then he might have been enemies with the Philistines forever. Because Isaac was willing to walk away, he was able to keep the peace.

"Isaac's story shows us what it looks like when we **trust God no matter what**. It's a lot easier to trust God when things are going exactly the way we want them to. But real trust means that we choose to depend on God even when things AREN'T going right.

"Let's remember this.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Trust God no matter what.

"I also want to make sure you know that trusting God can look a lot of different ways. Sometimes, trusting God means walking away from fight, like Isaac did. Sometimes trusting God means standing up for yourself or for someone else. It can be tough for us to know what to do in every situation—but that's why God has given us our families, good friends, and Small Group Leaders. These wise people can help us know what it looks like for us to trust God in ANY situation.

"Of course, we can always pray and ask God to help us trust, too. Let's talk to God about that now."

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for helping Isaac trust You, even when he was frustrated and not treated well. Help us know how to trust You, no matter what. Show us how to live a life of trust, no matter what's going on around us. Whether we need to walk away from an argument like Isaac or stand up for what's right, give us Your wisdom so we can show that we trust You each day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “Can you imagine how frustrated Isaac must have been when all of that was happening to him? I mean, his men kept digging new wells—which was a lot of hard work. But then the Philistines kept trying to fight and told Isaac and his family to leave! Wow!

“Isaac made a choice, though. He believed that God was leading him to walk away instead of fight back. So he walked away. He ended up finding a new, safe source of water for his family.

SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE

SLIDE: WEEK 2 TIMELINE IMAGE

If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.

“Isaac chose to **trust God no matter what!** And you and I can choose to do that, too. We can . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Trust God no matter what.

“Can you think of some situations where YOU can **trust God no matter what?** Maybe it’s hard for you to fall asleep because you’re feeling worried or even scared of the dark. You can trust that God is with you! Maybe you’re working on a tough assignment at school or your family is going through something tough at home. It’s not always easy to know exactly what to do in every situation. But we can talk to other people about what’s going on. We can talk to God about what’s going on. Even when things are difficult or don’t seem to make sense, we can still trust that God is with us through it all.

“One really cool way you show that you trust God is by putting your faith in Jesus. If you’re not sure how to do that, be sure to talk to your parents or your Small Group Leader about it. When you put your trust in Jesus as your Savior, you know that He is with you, every day, to help you!

“You can head to Small Group now and talk some more about what it means to **trust God no matter what.** I’ll see you later!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP